

# Pinelands United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Call to Worship

*Leader: We gather today in hope and knowledge.*

**People: We come to worship the one true King!**

*Leader: We gather today singing your praises.*

**People: We come to worship the King of Kings!**

*Leader: We wave our palms and shout your name.*

**People: We come to live our lives with you!**

*Leader: Be with us O, God.*

**People: You are the Prince of Peace, and you bring good news to all the world.**

❖ Gathering Hymn ..... #278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Opening Prayer

Hosanna! Jesus, we celebrate with you! You enter Jerusalem and you enter our hearts as the humble king. We celebrate with you! May this joy sustain us in the days ahead. Amen.



1st Scripture Reading ..... Zechariah 19:9-13

2nd Scripture Reading ..... Psalm 118:25-29

❖ Hymn of Preparation... #280 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

3rd Scripture Reading ..... Luke 19:28-40

Sermon ..... Staying Power

Joys and Prayers of the People of God

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Baptism of Ryan Thomas Bridel

*(See Baptismal Insert for Responsive Text)*

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Closing Hymn ..... #327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

❖ Benediction

God bless you and not let you out of his sight.  
God keep and protect you by day and by night.  
Let love, understanding be yours evermore.  
God’s grace be with you forever more.



## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Pastor Danny: Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
we are initiated into Christ's holy church.  
We are incorporated into God's mighty  
acts of salvation and given new birth  
through water and the Spirit. All this is  
God's gift, offered to us without price.*

*Margie Cochran: I present **Ryan Thomas Bridel** for  
baptism.*

*Pastor to the Parents and Sponsors:  
(**Tim & Katie Bridel, James Bridel, Emily Mathes**)*

*On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce  
the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of  
this world, and repent of your sin?*

**I do.**

*Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to  
resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they  
present themselves?*

**I do.**

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your  
whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your  
Lord,*

*in union with the Church which Christ has opened to  
people of all ages, nations, and races?*

**I do.**

Pinelands United  
Methodist Church

APRIL 13, 2025  
**BAPTISM**  
Of  
**Ryan Thomas**

Parents: Tim & Katie Bridel  
Sponsors: James Bridel & Emily Mathes

Grandparents  
Bryan & Jeanne Bridel  
Thomas & Michele Kilgallen

Great Grandparents  
Roberta Kilgallen  
Louie "Pop" Tellez

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*Pastor to the Parents (Tim & Katie Bridel):*

*Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?*

**I will.**

*Pastor to the Congregation:*

*Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?*

**Congregation: We do.**

*Pastor to the Congregation:*

*Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?*

**Congregation:**

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

*Pastor to All present:*

*Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?*

**Response:**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Pastor to All present:*

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

**Response:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

*Pastor to All present:*

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**Response:**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Pastor:*

*Let us pray.*

*Eternal Father:*

*When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.*

**Response:**

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

*In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.*

**Response:**

**Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.*

**Response:**

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

### **BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS**

*Ryan Thomas Bridel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.*



*Pastor to Congregation:*

*Now it is our joy to welcome our new sisters and brothers in Christ.*

**Congregation:**

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.**

**We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and Thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

*Pastor to Congregation:*

*Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.*

**Congregation:**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Amen.





## KEEP THEM IN PRAYER

Pastor Danny Clark & Family  
Kathy Simpkins  
Barbara Kurowski  
Linda Hirst  
Linda Green  
Marge Clifton  
Tom Rheault  
Anna Walker  
Denny & Joy O'Shaughnessy  
Jerry  
Sandra Allebach  
Brian Plasket  
Robin Green  
Paul Cowan  
Stephen Lister  
Ciara McCarthy Burke  
Kaitlin DeLucca (US Air Force)  
Tiernan James (US Coast Guard)  
Max Lister (US Army)  
Dave Dixon  
Little Jack  
Bob Campbell  
Brenda Malave  
John Mascio IV  
Jeff & Jean Malick

Frances Ernwood  
Wilma Brown  
Ed Rabush  
Sean Plasket  
McCartney Family  
John Mascio Jr.  
Margie Cochran  
David & Emily Elkin  
Denise  
Larry Acker  
Evelyn Roland  
John Allebach Sr  
Nicholas Cellini  
Lou Massey  
Melodee Ashby  
Courtney Warner  
Billy Cheatham (US Marines)  
Riley James (US Marines)  
Jarrad Moscicki (US NAVY)  
Robert S.  
Carol Petitt  
Lorraine Roe  
Robyn & Kent Grohne  
Regina Bartolomeo  
Eileen Johnson



April 13, 2025

## PINELANDS UM CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)*

9:00 am ~ BATSTO CHURCH ~ 4200 Nesco Rd  
10:30 am ~ GREEN BANK CHURCH ~ 1081 River Rd

### FOOD PANTRY

4:00-7:00 pm ~ NESCO CHURCH ~ Mondays

### BIBLE STUDY

6:30 pm ~ NESCO CHURCH ~ Wednesdays

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS w/ PASTOR DANNY

Monday Evenings: By Appointment Only  
Wednesday Evenings: By Appointment Only  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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### EASTER FLOWER SALE

Pinelands Church is selling **Easter Flowers** to decorate the sanctuaries for Easter. Please fill out the **order form** and return to Kathy by **TODAY**. Speak to Kathy for more information (609) 674-4787.

### HOLY THURSDAY

Join us on **April 17th** for our **Maundy Thursday** worship in our **Batsto Church** at **7:00 pm**. This will be a **Tenebrae Style** worship experience. Invite a neighbor!



### GOOD FRIDAY



There will be a **Triduum Good Friday Service** at Pastor Robyn's Church in **Mays Landing** at the **United Methodist Church** on **Friday, April 18th**. Join us for this special **3-part service** as

we journey together remembering Jesus' movements through **The Last Supper**. **His death & crucifixion** & the **Power of the Cross** we will see on **Resurrection Day!** This service will begin at **6:00 pm**.

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunday **EARLY** morning, **April 20th**, we will gather at the **three crosses** in the **Batsto Church parking lot, 6:30am**, for a traditional **Sunrise Service**. The service will conclude inside the church with an amazing **Easter Breakfast** for all. Please bring a dish to share if you are able but stay, eat, drink some coffee with friends and family regardless! It is a **great time of fellowship**. Invite a neighbor and bring the family!



### EASTER WORSHIP

We serve a **Risen Saviour!** There will be two traditional **family style Easter Worship Experiences** to choose on Easter Sunday. We will gather at **Batsto Church** at **9:00 am** and **Green Bank Church** at **10:30 am**. Invite your whole family as we gather together to **Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!**



### PINELANDS UMC FISHING CLUB



Did you know Pinelands United Methodist Church as a **fishing club** that meets once a month at a local home. The fishing club is open to everyone and will meet next on **May 7th**. Consider getting involved.

### ZITI WITH YOUR SWEETIE

Tickets are on sale for this fantastic Mother's Day event. Meals will be available for pick up on **May 9th** at our Nesco Church. See insert. Please call **Eileen Johnson (609) 412-0275** or **Sharon Commander (609) 705-9213** to purchase tickets. Envelopes with tickets are available at both churches. Please return envelopes with ticket money and/or leftover tickets to Eileen by Sunday, May 4. **See Sue Muessig if you'd like to purchase individual tickets after church today.**





### UWF MEETING

May 7, 2025 @ 10:00 am  
Nesco Church Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall  
Pasta Dinner Prepping

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2025 @ 7:00 pm  
Nesco Church Carolyn Stewart Fellowship Hall

### SPRC MEETS

April 29, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - Nesco Church



### JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

- April 13 - Palm Sunday - Batsto 9 am / GB 10:30 am
- April 13 - Baptism - Batsto 9 am
- April 17 - Holy Thursday - Tenebrae Style - Batsto 7 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - Triduum Service - MaysLanding 6 pm
- April 19 - Silent Saturday
- April 20 - Easter Morning - Sunrise @ Batsto 6:30 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - Batsto 9 am
- April 20 - Easter Sunday - Green Bank 10:30 am
- April 24 - Sweetwater Riverdeck Fundraiser - 5-8 pm

### CAPE ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

April 27th - 2:00 pm - St. Peter's UMC, Ocean City  
501 E 8th St Ocean City, NJ 08226

We will worship together, honor graduates of Lay Servant Training and Local Pastor's School, hear presentations in preparation for Annual Conference, present certificates to congregations that paid 100% Shared Ministries, and elect equalizing members to Annual Conference. Please come and be a part of this district celebration and to welcome the new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Derrick Doherty.

# Guide to Holy Week



## Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



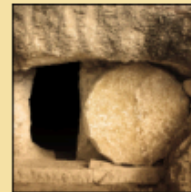
## Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



## Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



## Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



## Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.





Pinelands United Women in Faith

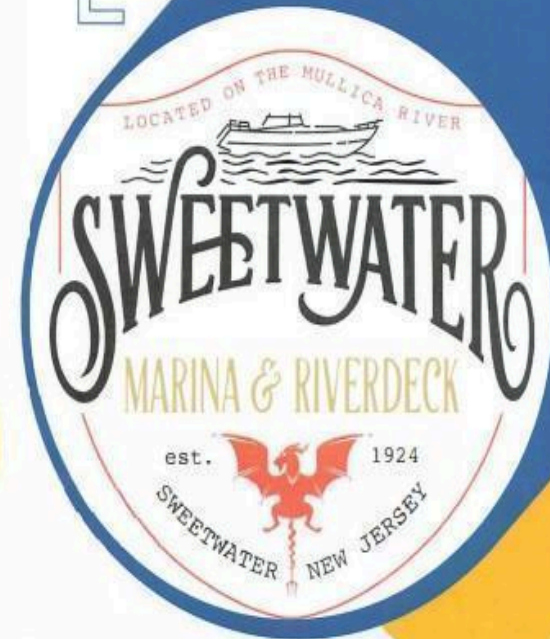
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May  
5-7 pm

# Ziti with Your Sweetie

\$10.00 Adult / \$5.00 Child

Take-Out Dinner  
Ziti-Homemade  
Meatballs-Salad-Dessert  
Pick Up Nesco Church  
Purchase Advance  
Tickets - Limited Dinners



## DINE AND DONATE

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APRIL 24, 2025

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